

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for regulating execution of a software according to a physical location of a  
2 computer on which the software is to be executed, the method comprising:  
3 storing a first list of authorized location ranges where a computer is authorized to execute  
4 a first software;  
5 determining a physical location of the computer;  
6 comparing the physical location of the computer with the first list of authorized location  
7 ranges; and  
8 executing the first software only if the physical location of the computer is within a range  
9 of one of the authorized location ranges from the first list of authorized location ranges.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2 upon determining that the physical location of the computer is not within the first list of  
3 authorized location ranges, requesting execution of a second software, the second software  
4 having a second list of authorized location ranges;  
5 comparing the physical location of the computer with the second list of authorized  
6 location ranges, and  
7 executing the second software only if the physical location of the computer is within a  
8 range of one of the authorized location ranges from the second list of authorized location ranges.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2 upon determining that the computer is not located within an authorized area, generating  
3 an alert to a software administrator server of the unauthorized area in which the computer is  
4 located while attempting to execute a restricted software.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2 rechecking the physical location of the computer after the first software has executed; and

3           upon determining that the computer is no longer in an area authorized for executing the  
4   first software, disabling the first software.

1   5.     The method of claim 4, wherein the disabling of the first software is performed by  
2   deleting the first software from the computer's system memory.

1   6.     The method of claim 1, wherein the physical location of the computer is determined from  
2   a Global Positioning System (GPS) signal.

1   7.     The method of claim 1, wherein the physical location of the computer is determined from  
2   a local enterprise generated signal.

1   8.     The method of claim 7, wherein the local enterprise generated signal is confined to a  
2   single room.

1   9.     A system for regulating execution of a software according to a physical location of a  
2   computer on which the software is to be executed, the system comprising:  
3         means for storing a first list of authorized location ranges where a computer is authorized  
4   to execute a first software;  
5         means for determining a physical location of the computer;  
6         means for comparing the physical location of the computer with the first list of authorized  
7   location ranges; and  
8         means for executing the first software only if the physical location of the computer is  
9   within a range of one of the authorized location ranges from the first list of authorized location  
10   ranges.

1    10.    The system of claim 9, further comprising:  
2           means for, upon determining that the physical location of the computer is not within the  
3    first list of authorized location ranges, requesting execution of a second software, the second  
4    software having a second list of authorized location ranges;  
5           means for comparing the physical location of the computer with the second list of  
6    authorized location ranges, and  
7           means for executing the second software only if the physical location of the computer is  
8    within a range of one of the authorized location ranges from the second list of authorized  
9    location ranges.

1    11.    The system of claim 9, further comprising:  
2           means for, upon determining that the computer is not located within an authorized area,  
3           generating an alert to a software administrator server of the unauthorized area in which  
4           the computer is located while attempting to execute a restricted software.

1    12.    The system of claim 9, further comprising:  
2           means for rechecking the physical location of the computer after the first software has  
3    executed; and  
4           means for, upon determining that the computer is no longer in an area authorized for  
5    executing the first software, disabling the first software.

1    13.    The system of claim 12, wherein the means for disabling of the first software is a means  
2    for deleting the first software from the computer's system memory.

1    14.    The system of claim 9, wherein the means for determining the physical location of the  
2    computer includes a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver.

1 15. The system of claim 9, wherein the means for determining the physical location of the  
2 computer utilizes a local enterprise generated signal.

3 16. The system of claim 15, wherein the local enterprise generated signal is confined to a  
4 single room.

1 17. A software product, residing on a computer usable medium, for regulating execution of a  
2 software according to a physical location of a computer on which the software is to be executed,  
3 the software product comprising:  
4 program code for storing a first list of authorized location ranges where a computer is  
5 authorized to execute a first software;  
6 program code for determining a physical location of the computer;  
7 program code for comparing the physical location of the computer with the first list of  
8 authorized location ranges; and  
9 program code for executing the first software only if the physical location of the  
10 computer is within a range of one of the authorized location ranges from the first list of  
11 authorized location ranges.

1 18. The software product of claim 17, further comprising:  
2 program code for, upon determining that the physical location of the computer is not  
3 within the first list of authorized location ranges, requesting execution of a second software, the  
4 second software having a second list of authorized location ranges;  
5 program code for comparing the physical location of the computer with the second list of  
6 authorized location ranges, and  
7 program code for executing the second software only if the physical location of the  
8 computer is within a range of one of the authorized location ranges from the second list of  
9 authorized location ranges.

1 19. The software product of claim 17, further comprising:  
2 program code for, upon determining that the computer is not located within an authorized  
3 area, generating an alert to a software administrator server of the unauthorized area in which the  
4 computer is located while attempting to execute a restricted software.

1 20. The software product of claim 17, further comprising:  
2 program code for rechecking the physical location of the computer after the first software  
3 has executed; and  
4 program code for, upon determining that the computer is no longer in an area authorized  
5 for executing the first software, disabling the first software.

1 21. The software product of claim 20, wherein the program code for disabling of the first  
2 software deletes the first software from the computer's system memory.

1 22. The software product of claim 17, wherein the physical location of the computer is  
2 determined from a Global Positioning System (GPS) signal.

1 23. The software product of claim 17, wherein the physical location of the computer is  
2 determined from a local enterprise generated signal.

1 24. The software product of claim 17, wherein the local enterprise generated signal is  
2 confined to a single room.